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1. AFGHAN MINISTER OF PLANNING, ALI AHMAD KHORRAM, AND A SMALL DELEGATION OF GOA OFFICIALS, CONCLUDED A THREE-DAY VISIT TO TEHRAN JANUARY 7, WHICH FROM ALL THE EMBASSY CAN ASCERTAIN PRODUCED LITTLE NEW. IT IS PERHAPS BEST VIEWED AS A FOLLOW-UP TO KHORRAM'S OCTOBER 1975 VISIT, REPORTED BY REFTEL, WHICH RESULTED IN A NEW IRANIAN AID TARGET, THE IDENTIFICATION OF NEW JOINT VENTURE INVESTMENT AND THE INITIALING OF SOME PROJECT AGREEMENTS. THE VISIT RECEIVED SCANT ATTENTION IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

2. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN LOANS REZA KHALEGHI-ROD CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT DURING THE VISIT MINISTER KHORRAM WITNESSED (THE AFGHAN AMBASSADOR SIGNED) THE SIGNING OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT OF \$10.3 MILLION WHICH FINANCES THE AFGHAN PURCHASE OF 200 IRANIAN BUSES AND 18 MINI-BUSES AGREED TO IN OCTOBER. KHALEGHI-ROD SAID THE GOI HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED ANY AFGHAN FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR PRO-

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JECTS UNDER THE BILATERAL COMMITMENT AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT

APPROPRIATE GOI MINISTRIES MAY SEND TECHNICAL TEAMS TO
AFGHANISTAN TO HELP WITH THE REQUISITE STUDIES. HE REPEATED
HIS PREVIOUS OBSERVATION THAT THE DISBURSEMENT OF GOI ASSIST-
ANCE TO AFGHANISTAN WILL BE SLOW IF THE RATE OF TECHNICAL
PREPARATION BY THE GOA CONTINUES AT ITS PRESENT PACE.
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